NO. 152 P. 5

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (571) 273-8300, on the date shown below.

Dated: July 9, 2007

JUL 0 9 2007

Docket No.: 223002100400

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Claire M. FRASER

Application No.: 10/018,470

Confirmation No.: 2853

Int'l Filing Date: March 8, 2000

Art Unit: 1631

For: NEISSERIA GENOMIC SEQUENCES AND

METHODS OF THEIR USE

Examiner: R. Negin

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir: .

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006, for which a response was due on March 12, 2007. A Notice of Appeal and petition for three months extension was submitted on June 12, 2007. This response is submitted with a request for continued examination. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

sf-2263675